

## REMARKS

Claims 1 and 39-41 are canceled; claim 42 is added. Claims 2-38 and 42 remain in the application.

Claims 2-38 are allowed.

Claim 40 is rejected and objection is made to claim 41. These claims are canceled and the rejection and objection are therefore moot.

Claim 42 is directed to a method for communicating among nodes in a network of communication nodes in which a descrambling key is sent to and received by selected nodes in the network. A seed mask is selected in response to the descrambling key, and scrambling and descrambling algorithms are generated from the seed mask. A communication in the network is scrambled using the scrambling algorithm and the communication is descrambled at the selected nodes using the descrambling algorithm. No reference of record teaches or inherently includes this method. No reference or combination of references of record suggests this method. Accordingly, claim 42 is allowable.

All of the claims remaining in this application are therefore allowed or allowable, placing this application in condition for allowance, early notice of which is earnestly requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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